

15) were identified. Species A has been prosecuted as US Patents 5,493,878 and 6,112,562. Species B has been prosecuted as US patents 5,502,989 and 6,155,088. Other applications are pending to other species identified in related applications having specific election/restriction requirements other than Species A or Species B.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

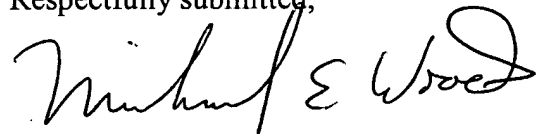
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-393-2000.

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees due to Deposit Account 50-1193.

Respectfully submitted,

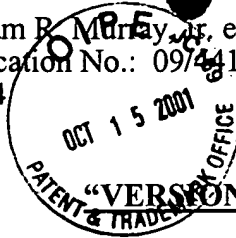


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"VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE"

In the claims:

Claims 56-65 have been cancelled.

Claims 71-82 have been cancelled.

1 83. (NEW) A locking system, comprising:
2 a portable electronic device having a wall defining a security slot;
3 a housing including a slot engagement member having a slot engaging portion provided with a
4 locking member sized to enter into and be removed from said security slot when in an
5 unlocked position, said slot engagement member being moveable between said unlocked
6 position and a locked position wherein said locking member is retained within said security
7 slot;
8 a pin, coupled to said housing and within said security slot when said slot engagement member
9 is in said locked position, for inhibiting movement of said slot engagement member from said
10 locked position; and
11 a cable, coupled to said housing, for attaching to an object other than
12 said portable electronic device.

1 84. (NEW) The locking system of claim 83 wherein said slot engagement
2 member rotates when moving between said unlocked position and said locked position.

1 85. (NEW) The locking system of claim 83 wherein said slot engaging
2 portion is complementary to preselected dimensions of said security slot.

1 86. (NEW) The locking system of claim 83 wherein said pin extends into
2 said security slot when said slot engagement member is in said locked position.

1 87. (NEW) The locking system of claim 86 wherein said pin extends
2 through said housing.